

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Floor-Standing, Metal-Top Ironing Tables and Certain Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Commerce.

SUMMARY: As a result of determinations by the Department of Commerce (the Department) and the International Trade Commission (the ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on floor-standing, metal-top ironing tables and certain parts thereof (ironing tables) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, the Department is publishing this notice of continuation of the antidumping duty order on ironing tables from the PRC.

DATES: Effective [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 24, 2004, the Department published the final determination in the antidumping duty investigation of ironing tables from the PRC.¹ On August 6, 2004, the Department issued an antidumping duty order on ironing tables from the PRC.²

¹ <u>See Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Floor-Standing, Metal-Top Ironing Tables and Certain Parts Thereof From the People's Republic of China, 69 FR 35296 (June 24, 2004) (Final Determination).</u>

On May 1, 2015, the Department initiated the second five-year (sunset) review of the AD order on ironing tables from the PRC pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).³ As a result of its review, the Department determined that revocation of the Order would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and, therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail should the order be revoked.⁴ On September 28, 2015, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on ironing tables from the PRC would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.⁵

Scope of the Order

For purposes of the order, the product covered consists of floor-standing, metal-top ironing tables, assembled or unassembled, complete or incomplete, and certain parts thereof. The subject tables are designed and used principally for the hand ironing or pressing of garments or other articles of fabric. The subject tables have full-height leg assemblies that support the ironing surface at an appropriate (often adjustable) height above the floor. The subject tables are produced in a variety of leg finishes, such as painted, plated, or matte, and they are available with various features, including iron rests, linen racks, and others. The subject ironing tables may be sold with or without a pad and/or cover. All types and configurations of floor-standing, metal-top ironing tables are covered by this review.

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² <u>See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Floor-Standing, Metal-Top Ironing Tables and Certain Parts Thereof From the People's Republic of China, 69 FR 47868 (August 6, 2004) (Order).</u>

³ See Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Review, 80 FR 24900 (May 1, 2015).

⁴ <u>See Floor-Standing, Metal-Top Ironing Tables and Certain Parts Thereof From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order, 80 FR 53281 (September 3, 2015) and accompanying Decision Memorandum.</u>

⁵ <u>See Ironing Tables and Certain Parts Thereof From China: Determination</u>, 80 FR 59815 (October 2, 2015); <u>see also Ironing Tables and Certain Parts Thereof from China, Inv. No. 731-TA-1047 (Second Review)</u>, USITC Publication 4568 (September 2015).

Furthermore, the order specifically covers imports of ironing tables, assembled or unassembled, complete or incomplete, and certain parts thereof. For purposes of the order, the term "unassembled" ironing table means a product requiring the attachment of the leg assembly to the top or the attachment of an included feature such as an iron rest or linen rack. The term "complete" ironing table means product sold as a ready-to-use ensemble consisting of the metal-top table and a pad and cover, with or without additional features, *e.g.*, iron rest or linen rack. The term "incomplete" ironing table means product shipped or sold as a "bare board"--i.e., a metal-top table only, without the pad and cover--with or without additional features, *e.g.* iron rest or linen rack. The major parts or components of ironing tables that are intended to be covered by the order under the term "certain parts thereof" consist of the metal top component (with or without assembled supports and slides) and/or the leg components, whether or not attached together as a leg assembly. The order covers separately shipped metal top components and leg components, without regard to whether the respective quantities would yield an exact quantity of assembled ironing tables.

Ironing tables without legs (such as models that mount on walls or over doors) are not floor-standing and are specifically excluded. Additionally, tabletop or countertop models with short legs that do not exceed 12 inches in length (and which may or may not collapse or retract) are specifically excluded.

The subject ironing tables were previously classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 9403.20.0010. Effective July 1, 2003, the subject ironing tables are classified under new HTSUS subheading 9403.20.0011. The subject metal top and leg components are classified under HTSUS subheading 9403.90.8040. Although the

HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the Department's

written description of the scope is dispositive.

Continuation of the Order

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the ITC that revocation of the

AD order would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an

industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby

gives notice of the continuation of the antidumping duty order on ironing tables from the PRC.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD cash deposits at the rates in

effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of the continuation of the Order will be the date of publication in the

Federal Register of this notice of continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, the

Department intends to initiate the next five-year sunset review of the Order not later than 30 days

prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation.

This five-year ("sunset") review and this notice are in accordance with section 751(c) of

the Act and published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act.

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